

Statewide Transportation Planning Framework

Statewide Cooperation for Long-Term Planning

With no end in sight to population growth and development in Arizona, the gap between transportation needs and funding is expected to grow significantly over the next several decades.

The Arizona State Transportation Board has allocated resources for a statewide collaborative process called "Building a Quality Arizona, or bqAZ" to quantify transportation needs statewide and identify the full range of options to address those needs.

Working in collaboration with regional transportation planning entities, transit organizations, tribal governments, land management agencies, conservation groups, business and community leaders, and the Governor's office, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and local/regional leaders from across the state are embarking in 2008 on development of a Statewide Transportation Planning Framework that includes transportation alternatives and integrates them with land use and economic planning and development.

Regional Framework Studies

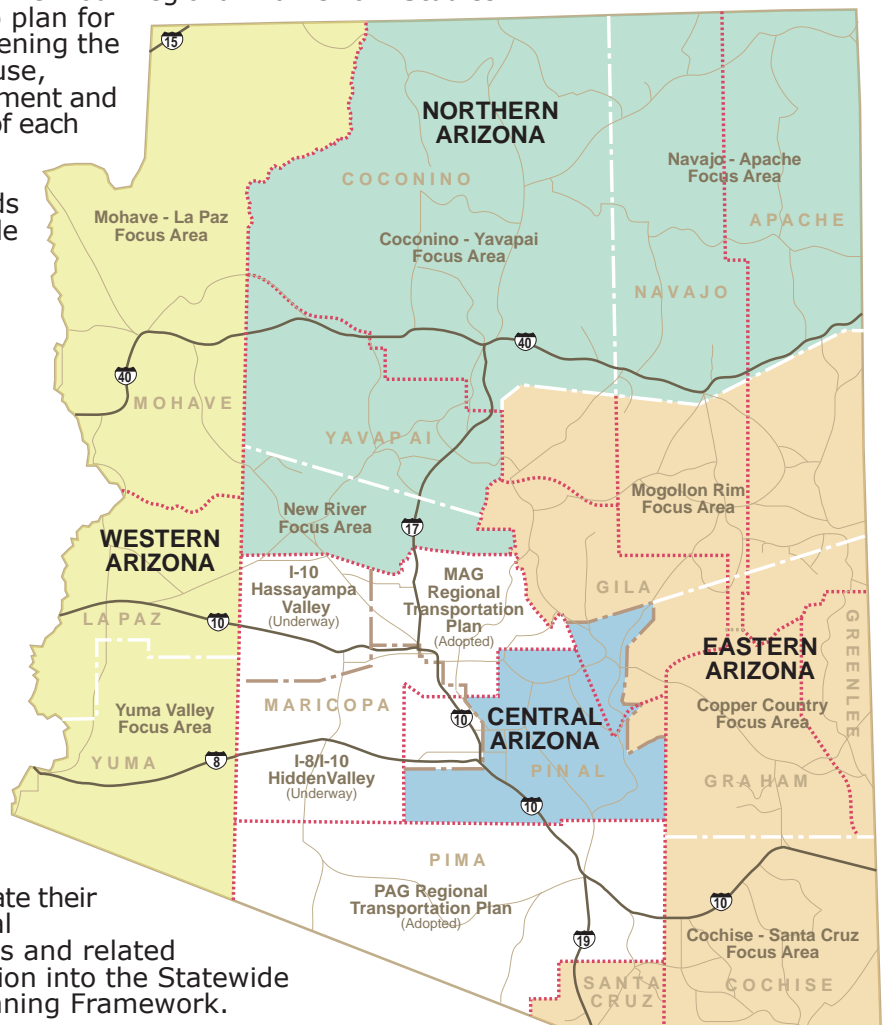
Regional transportation planning entities across Arizona, working closely with local jurisdictions and stakeholders, have partnered with ADOT to implement **Regional Framework Studies** that will feed into the **Statewide Transportation Planning Framework**.

The long-range focus of the studies is unique and will identify the state's needs in the **2030-2050** timeframe. Four Regional Framework Studies

will look at ways to plan for growth by strengthening the link between land use, community development and economic patterns of each region, and their interrelated transportation needs for future sustainable mobility and continuing enhancement of Arizona's quality of life.

- Eastern Arizona
- Central Arizona
- Northern Arizona
- Western Arizona

The Project Team will work with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Pima Association of Governments (PAG) in Phoenix and Tucson, respectively, to update their established regional transportation plans and related studies for integration into the Statewide Transportation Planning Framework.





Framework study teams will assess transportation needs region by region, and based on the results, transportation options will be recommended. ***The Regional Framework Study results will feed into the multimodal Statewide Transportation Planning Framework.***

The Framework Studies will seek to answer four fundamental questions:

- What part can transportation investments play in encouraging quality economic growth?
- How can we improve the links and relationship between land use and transportation to achieve responsible urban growth patterns following the principles of smart growth and sustainability?
- How can we improve links between population centers, which will strengthen the base for economic growth?
- How can transportation decisions enhance our quality of life and improve our natural environment in a way that is fair and equitable for Arizonans?

Project Team

Professional planners from the public and private sectors throughout the state are coming together to examine Arizona's community and economic development potential, and to begin planning for the multimodal transportation system that will be needed to support future development.

The effort is being facilitated by ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) and Community Partnerships Division (CCP). Each of these divisions has retained a management consultant (MC) to act as its staff during the process.

Schedule

Four regional framework teams, working closely with ADOT, its regional partners, stakeholders, and the public, will be preparing "Regional Framework Studies" throughout 2008. From January to April 2009, ADOT, its management consultants, and regional partners will use the information developed in the Regional Framework Studies to create the Statewide Transportation Planning Framework.

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